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Activities

Basic version

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Syria, chemical weapons solution? (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Syria, chemical weapons solution?'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. Vladimir _____ is the president of Russia
2. _____ al-Assad is the president of Syria
3. Russia's foreign minister, Sergei _____
4. A city in which a chemical weapons attack was reported to have taken place
5. Barack _____ is the president of the USA
6. One of the countries in which Syrian refugees are now living
7. City in Switzerland where the meeting was held
8. The president of France, François _____
9. John _____ is the USA's secretary of state
10. Syria's capital city

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China's first Arctic crossing (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'China's first Arctic crossing'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

| | TRUE | FALSE |
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| 1. The Suez Canal route is shorter than the NSR. | | |
| 2. Dalian is a Chinese port. | | |
| 3. Rotterdam is one of Europe's largest ports. | | |
| 4. The Bering Strait is between Russia and the American state of Alaska. | | |
| 5. The NSR goes across the Arctic Ocean. | | |
| 6. Ships from Japan, Germany and South Korea have already used the NSR. | | |
| 7. The Suez Canal route goes through the Bering Strait. | | |
| 8. The NSR can be used throughout the year. | | |
| 9. China is the world's biggest exporter of goods. | | |
| 10. The NSR goes across the Mediterranean Sea. | | |

Date: _____

Instructions: Read the article 'Ugliest animal'.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 29 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

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Key words

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| ENDANGERED | PANDAS |
| PROBOSCIS | BLOBFISH |
| PRESERVATION | SOCIETY |
| PRESSURE | ATTRACTIVE |
| AUSTRALIA | FISHING |
| DANGEROUS | IMPORTANT |

Mystery phrase

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Ig Nobel awards (Page 16)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Ig Nobel awards'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

American magazine

Nobel Peace Prize

Sweden

Alfred Nobel

Ig Nobel awards

AIR

Professor Geim

Harvard University

Nobel Prizes

Oslo

European Union

Graphene

Ignoble

Stockholm

Norway

Bad or shameful

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Mountains named after climbers (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Mountains named after climbers'.

Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am the year in which Mount Everest was first climbed.

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2. I am the tenth highest mountain in the world.

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3. I am in what many tourists go to walk, or trek.

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4. I am the country that Maurice Herzog came from.

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5. I am in South America.

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6. I am one of the people who was first to climb Mount Everest.

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7. I am of what there is very little of near the top of Mount Everest.

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8. I am a country in which there are eight of the 14 eight-thousanders.

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

Nicaragua

Russia

Nepal

Vietnam

China

Italy

Syria

Germany

Libya

Honduras

New Zealand

Norway

Missing Country =

Date: _____

Instructions: Read the article ‘World’s largest cave tours’.

A 10x10 grid of squares. The squares are arranged in a pattern that forms a diagonal line from the top-right to the bottom-left. The squares are numbered 1 through 10 on the left side, corresponding to the rows. The squares are arranged in a pattern that forms a diagonal line from the top-right to the bottom-left. The squares are numbered 1 through 10 on the left side, corresponding to the rows. The squares are arranged in a pattern that forms a diagonal line from the top-right to the bottom-left. The squares are numbered 1 through 10 on the left side, corresponding to the rows.

1. A team of guides and _____ experts will lead the groups
2. _____ is a type of rock that is soluble in water
3. _____ Cave is in Malaysia
4. Son Doong is in _____
5. Special laser _____ devices were used
6. There are many caves and _____ in the national park
7. A team of explorers went to _____ the cave in 2009
8. A large _____ river flows through part of the cave
9. The cave is in a remote _____ area
10. The park includes one of the largest _____ regions in the world